www.apgnews.apg.army.mil

Vol. 47, No. 20 · May 29, 2003

# **Post Shorts**

# **Recycling schedule**

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 4, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

## **Traffic pattern** changes

Traffic patterns for inbound traffic in the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas are changing.

For security reasons, an additional serpentine has been added. This change should not affect traffic flow through the gate areas. Drivers should remain alert to the additional barriers and obey traffic warnings and signs.

## **Community invited** to KUSAHĆ's 40th anniversary

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community is invited to attend the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 40th anniversary celebration, May 29 at 3 p.m. at KUSAHC.

Dr. Rosemary Bonsack, former physician at KUSAHC, will be the guest speaker.

### **Chapel services** cancelled May 29

There will be no mass at either the Aberdeen or Edgewood areas chapels today. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

### **Lonestar concert** slated for Sept. 12

Aberdeen Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins at this year's summer concert on Sept. 12.

Tickets are on sale for \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the gate.

Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com.

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497

# **ACS** hosts entrepreneur workshop

The Army Community **Employment** Service Read-iness Program will present an Entrepeneur Workshop and Network Event, June 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AA Recreation

See SHORTS, page 4

# **ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS**

Page 2

Deployment News

Page 3

Commentaries

Page 5 Community Notes

Page 6

Army News

Page 7

**ECBC** News

Page 8

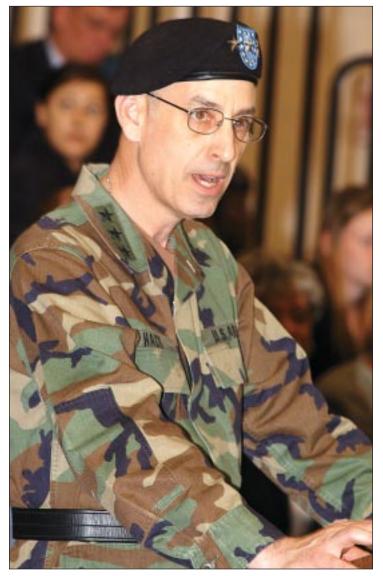
MWR

**Page 11** 

Web site supports well-being

**Page 13 AEC News** 

Published in the interest of the people of Aberdeen Proving Ground



Lt. Gen. Richard A. Hack addresses those gathered for the 2003 Anniversary Review in honor of the 191st birthday of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. Hack is deputy commanding general and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Materiel Command and served as reviewing officer for the



Photos by RALPH BROTH

Above, Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, Army Chief of Ordnance, and noted artist Don Stivers unveil Stivers' third print in the Ordnance Corps Series, "Service on Time," during the Ordnance Corps Anniversary Ball at Top of the Bay.

Left, a member of the U.S. Army Chorale entertains the audience gathered to celebrate the 191st anniversary of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps at Top of the Bay.

# Ordnance Corps celebrates 191 years of service

E. C. Starnes

U.S. Army Ordnance Corps

The 191st anniversary of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps was celebrated with full pomp and ceremony last week as soldiers and civilians gathered to induct new honorary leaders, honor new Hall of Fame members and salute the birthday with a review and ball.

The week kicked off Thursday as golfers gathered at Wetlands Golf Course in Aberdeen as part of the annual U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Association Golf Tournament.

Later that evening, 11 inductees into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame were honored at the Ordnance

The Chief of Ordnance Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson noted, "Tonight, we celebrate the lives and work of 11 individuals who made enormous contributions to our heritage of excellence and service to the United States Army. Each of our Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame inductees tonight brings a background of unique individual contribution, and at the same time, a history of service to the ordnance team as a

"Our ceremony this evening is not only a tribute to these individuals but to our corps as well. For 191 years, and even before we officially became the Ordnance Corps, we have served this nation with distinction and honor," Stevenson said.

Stevenson was assisted during the induction ceremony by the honorary leadership of the Ordnance

Regiment, retirees Gen. Leon E. Salomon, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ted Reno, Honorary Warrant Officer of the Regiment, and Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Willie E. Battle Jr., Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment.

Inducted into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame were retirees Lt. Gen. Henry S. Aurand Sr., Brig. Gen. Norman F. Ramsey Sr., Col. Melvin M. Johnson Jr., Lt. Gen. James M. Link, Maj. Gen. Robert D. Shadley, Maj. Gen. Jerre W. Sharp, Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Dickinson, Col. Thomas A. Hooper, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert J. Wurm, Cmd. Sgt. Maj. George E. Cutbirth and Dr. Joseph C. Moquin.

All Hall of Fame members are recognized with a permanent display at the Ordnance Museum.

On Friday afternoon an Ordnance Corps Anniversary Review was held in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Gym.

In addition to honoring the newest inductees into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame, a ceremony was held to recognize the outgoing honorary leaders of the regiment and to welcome three incoming mem-

During a traditional passing of the regimental colors, Salomon turned over his position to retired Gen. John G. Coburn. Reno passed his position to retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Thomas G. Grice, and Battle passed the colors to retired Command Sgt. Maj. George E. Cutbirth.

Stevenson, as host commander, welcomed every-

"For 191 years the Ordnance Corps has served this nation, both in peace and in war. During this time, we have been able to provide service to the line, on the line, on time, because of men and women like the ones you see before you in this gym today," Stevenson said.

"This has been particularly true in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the most recent military operation where ordnance soldiers excelled as part of a joint force to enable incredible success on the battlefield. As I look out today, I see proud members of that joint force-soldiers, airmen and Marines-the sons and daughters of America. You all look great today, and I am proud to be among your number."

Joining Stevenson at the podium was Lt. Gen. Richard A. Hack, deputy commanding general and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Materiel Command and reviewing officer.

Hack began his remarks with a striking statement: "If you remember nothing else from my introduction, I would be proud and honored if you remember that I am an ordnance soldier."

As he outlined the history and traditions of the Ordnance Corps back to its true beginnings as far back as 1775, Hack noted, "We stand here today as direct descendants of these great American heroes and many others who have served our nation in times of peace and war."

See ORDNANCE, page 14

# Watch card

# Do observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls,
- messages, or e-mails. Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.
- Discuss any aspect of operations military planning.
- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or
- Disclose any information related to unit deployments. Report any suspicious activity
- immediately to DOD Police: Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222 Edgewood Area 410-436-2222 Off post in Maryland, call
  - 1-800-492-TIPS (8477) The call may save lives.

# ATC holds ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Roadway Simulator

# **Susan Hagan** ATSS, ATC

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Roadway Simulator, the world's largest automotive flat track simulator, on April 16.

"The Roadway Simulator is a giant leap forward in our testing capability, thus providing us the ability to better support the warfighter," Col. Mary Brown, ATC's commander, said during her opening remarks.

Guest speakers at the ceremony included Sen. Paul Sarbanes, Lt. Col. Michael Hadley, who spoke on behalf of Sen. Barbara Mikulski, and Dr. John Foulkes, director of the Test and Evaluation Management Agency.

As a part of the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Marvin McNamara, commanding general of the Developmental Test Command, presented Dr. Gregory Schultz with the DTC Professional Award. McNamara commended Schultz for the hard work and dedication it took to complete such a major

project at work while simultaneously obtaining his doctorate degree.

Brown also presented awards to Schultz and James Borzatti, ATC; Jacqueline Executive Hodge, U.S. Army Robert

Morris Acquisition Center; Martha Mitchem and Pak Yip; U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground and Minh Vuong, U.S. Army Program Ofice for Simulation, Training, and

Instrumentation, for their "exemplary performance regarding the Roadway Simu-

Virginia Corona, U.S. Army Garrison, APG, also received See SIMULATOR, page 6



A High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, or HMMWV, sits on the Roadway Simulator at the ribbon cutting ceremony of ATC's newest facility April 16. The Roadway Simulator is the largest flat track simulator in the

# Deployment News

# Reload the homefront pantry with the "Gift of Groceries"

Bonnie Powell

As Operation Iraqi Freedom winds down and deployed service members begin returning home, they might find their pantries have "wound down" as well. There is a solution. Family, friends and even neighbors might want to welcome service members home with the "Gift of Groceries."

Moms, or dads, tend to take a more casual approach to dinner when a spouse is deployed. Pizza, macaroni and cheese, sandwiches, or eating out at the nearby fast food outlet seems to be the order of the day. Families often return to "dinner around the table" when everyone is together again. A commissary gift certificate could be the perfect way to bring the homefront pantry up to par.

Commissary gift certificates are an easy way to say "I love you," and for the first time, anyone can help feed military families with the "Gift of Groceries."

"I would like to remind the family members that the Guard and the Reserve have shopping privileges also and would benefit from the Gift Certificates," said Tammy Spickler, Aberdeen Proving Ground Commissary representative.

The program allows anyone to purchase

commissary gift certificates through **http://www.commissaries.com** or toll-free at 877-770-4438. A mail-in or fax form is also available through the Web site.

able through the Web site.

The gift certificates can be given directly to military friends and family or donat-

ed to military friends and family or donated to military families through charitable organizations. Only authorized shoppers can spend them at any of the nearly 280 commissaries serving the U.S. armed services worldwide.

Started as a customer convenience program, more than \$1 million in gift certificates have been sold since the program's inception in the fall of 2002. Giving gift certificates allows recipients to stretch their food purchasing dollars by 30 percent or more using their commissary benefit.

The program is made possible through a business agreement with

CertifiChecks Inc. at no cost to the Defense Commissary Agency or the federal government. A standard charge of \$4.95 covers the costs of handling, printing and mailing of up to 20 certificates - as long as all are going to the same address. Other charges for large orders or

special handling may apply.

Worldwide charities such as the Air Force Aid Society, the USO and Fisher House Foundation have also agreed to accept donated certificates for military families in need. Those

certificates have been used to buy groceries for the families of deployed service members and for families of service members injured in Iraq and Afghanistan while they stay in Fisher House comfort homes.

Military chaplains' funds purchased over \$500,000 in gift certificates for the 2002 holiday season, but now civilian organizations that want to help military families are getting involved.

Employees of Lockheed Martin in Dallas, Texas, recently donated \$25,000 in commissary gift certificates for military families. The Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control employees are working with family support and chaplains' groups at several installations to distribute the certificates where they are most

If the homefront pantry is full, perhaps some new clothes or household goods are in order. Army and Air Force exchanges worldwide have begun accepting exchange gift certificates, also through an agreement with CertifiChecks. Exchange gift certificates are good worldwide at Army and Air Force exchanges and are available at <a href="http://www.aafes.com">http://www.aafes.com</a> or toll-free at 877-770-4438.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of nearly 280 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices - savings worth more than \$2,400 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

# Returning troops get counseling, reunion training

Joe Burlas

Joe Durias Army News Service,

Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians returning from Iraq will receive a lot of help in transitioning from the stress of combat operations to normal garrison life under a new Army plan.

Brig. Gen. Steven Schook, director of G1's Human Resources Policy Directorate, announced the implementation of the Deployment Cycle Support Contingency Plan at a Pentagon press conference May 13.

"America provides to the Army its most precious thing — its people — and we as an institution are going to do all we can to ensure that we bring our people back from doing America's duty and get them ready to be fully reintegrated back into American society," Schook said.

The plan calls for returning soldiers and civilians to remain with their unit or organization through mandatory medical and mental health screenings, as well as reunion training designed to ease soldiers move back into family relationships before getting on a homeward-bound plane. Unit leaders will also use a new "tip card" to screen their soldiers for any personal problems — suicidal thoughts, financial troubles or possible causes of strained family relationships.

"They may find if they've been gone six months to a year that their wife may have exerted a greater role in running the household," Schook said. "The kids have adjusted to the wife's new role in that household. So as they come back, they are going to find a different set of conditions in that home."

Family members will also be offered the opportunity to receive reunion training and to identify any issues in their family that might cause friction when the soldier returns through family readiness groups.

The screenings and reunion training, overseas and at home, will allow leaders to manage potential friction points for returning soldiers before they become serious problems, Schook said.

Another feature of the plan formally hands off identified soldiers issues from leaders overseas to an official or agency at

home station to follow up and resolve as needed, Schook said.

The Army hasn't always done a good job of following through on issues identified during deployments — often leaving it up to individual soldiers to follow through once they got home, he said. Now, a soldier with a known financial issue, for example, will have an appointment with an Army Community Service financial counselor waiting for him upon return instead of maybe or maybe not making an appointment himself. That soldier will now have to see the counselor prior to taking any leave

Once home, soldiers remain on duty with their units for up to 10 days — spending half of each day undergoing more integration training and evaluations — with the remaining half day free to spend with family or to take care of personal business. Once all members of the returning unit complete the plan's mandatory tasks, the soldiers are free to take "block leave," usually lasting two weeks.

In the past, soldiers returning from lengthy overseas deployments generally conducted an inventory of equipment, given a safety briefing and then were released on block leave. In some cases, commanders requested and got chaplains, family advocacy counselors and other specialists to brief soldiers prior to releasing them if those services were available.

Because the plan calls for many previously optional services to be mandatory and to avoid overloading home station staffs, the Army is prepared to augment those staffs "to focus forces at time and place of our choosing" with specialists from other places in the Army, Schook said.

Schook acknowledged last summer's string of five murders involving Fort Bragg, N.C., soldiers who had recently returned from operations in Afghanistan played a role in developing the DCS contingency plan. However, he said, it was not the only or even primary factor considered in developing the plan. Developing the plan was simply the right thing to do in an Army that has changed significantly since the Gulf War, Schook said.

One of those changes has been heavier reliance of the reserve component in current operations, at home and abroad. Another change has been the shift of a primarily unmarried force to a force where more than 50 percent are married. And, an operational tempo with an increased need for deployments has also played a role, Schook said.

The plan doesn't stop with the returning troops being sent home on leave. Returning soldiers, civilians and their family members will have access to a 1-800-based employee assistance program for a year after returning.

The EAP offers directions of where to get all types of services in the local community, mental health screening on the phone and up to six free face-to-face mental health visits with a professional outside the chain of command. This is of particular importance to the reserve component where units may be in armories hundreds of miles from an active-duty installation and thus do not have access to ACS or the medical system active-duty soldiers do, Schook said. It also allows a significant amount of privacy for soldiers or civilians who are concerned that seeking mental health assistance may impact their careers. The exception to privacy includes anything required by law to be reported, such as the commission of a crime.

While Schook wasn't ready to announce what units are coming home first and when, he did say the 1-800 EAP number will be up and running by early June. A similar program is already working for the Fort Bragg community under a separate contract. Likewise, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command has started using an EAP phone/Web-based system for initial-entry soldiers and their family in the past year.

For Lt. Col. Glen Bloomstrom, a family ministry chaplain with the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, the DCS plan isn't a cure-all, but rather a process to better assist soldiers and civilians as they return.

"The purpose is leverage lessons learned (from past operations)," Bloomstrom said. "It's to allow systems already in place time to work. It is to allow commanders to catch issues before they become fixed over time and focus resources as needed."

# APG News

The *APG News*, a civilian enterprise newspaper, is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of the *APG News* are not necessarily official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground. The newspaper is published weekly by the APG Public Affairs Office, ATTN: AMSSB-GIM-P, APG, MD 21005-5005, 410-278-1150. Printed circulation is 8,900.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source.

Editorial content is prepared, edited and approved by the APG Public Affairs Office. The *APG News* is printed by Homestead Publishing Company, a private firm in no way connected with the Department of the Army, under exclusive written contract with APG. The civilian printer is responsible for commercial advertising. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army or Homestead Publishing Company of the products or services advertised.

For advertising matters, call Homestead Publishing, 410-838-4400. Send articles or information for publication to the APG Public Affairs Office, Building 2201, AMSSB-GIM-P, APG, MD 21005-5001; call the editor at 410-278-1150, DSN 298-1150; send a fax to 410-278-2570; or send e-mail to editor@usag.apg.army.mil.

Deadline for copy is Thursday at noon for the following Thursday's paper.

# **Staff**

APG Commander	George P. Mercer
Editor	Marguerite Towson
Contract Photojournalists	Sonya P. Reynolds
Contract Graphic Designer and Web Site Designer Web site	

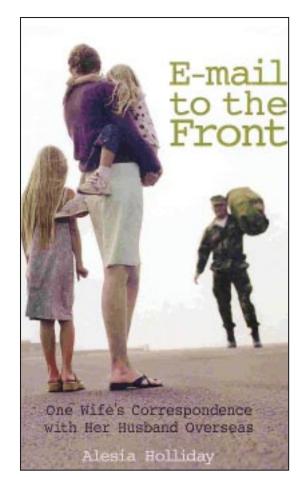
# **ALWAYS ON HIS MIND**



Photo by SPC. ROBERT WOODWARD An infantryman of the 101st Airborne Division deployed to Baghdad keeps a photo of his sweetheart close to him at all times—in his kevlar helmet. (Editor's note: Spc. Robert Woodward is assigned to the 101st Airborne Division.)

# Commentary

# Spouse speaks out about deployment experiences



Capt. Eric Shuler Special contributo

(Author's note: I have often wondered what would happen on the home front if I got called up. My wife and I have tried to be ready; we have our wills and power of attorney done. How do you prepare your wife and family for your absence? My sons Michael 8, and Stephen, 6, both told me that if I get called up they would be okay, which choked me up.)

"E-mail to the Front" is Alesia Holliday's experiences with her husband's two deployments with the Navy.

Each service member has the training to do the mission; unfortunately there is no Deployment 101 class for a spouse.

Holliday did not have a how-to-survivewithout-your-husband instruction manual.

She found the most difficult task to be how to tell the children.

"E-mail to the Front" gives the reader Holliday and her family's response to her husband's deployments.

The story starts with Holliday setting up a house in a new state with two young children while her husband departs for an undisclosed

Holliday is a trial attorney and mother. She has to assume the father's role and shoulder all

of the responsibilities of the household.

Military life is completely alien to her. One of Holliday's first military lifestyle lessons is to not shop at the commissary on payday. Waiting in long lines with young children is a time she spent in eternity.

She writes, "shopping on payday, the day when everyone from 19-year old military spouses to 91-year old retirees swarm the commissary, is like a plague of locusts." Shopping in a commissary is a lot different than the civilian lifestyle of shopping in a grocery store. When was the last time you saw baggers work for tips at a civilian supermarket?

Trying to explain to your children when dad's coming home proves to be tough. Children have a tough time understanding time. "Is daddy coming home today," probably was Holliday 's most frequently asked question. She attempted to explain how long daddy would be gone by making a paper chain representing all the days daddy would be gone. Every day the children and Holliday would remove a link showing he was getting closer to coming home.

Holliday not only had to worry about the children and house but she also worried about her husband. When he called, Holliday said, "It was 17 time zones away." Usually, the call came in the middle of the night. Holliday was

watching the news when she saw her husband's unit experience an aircraft accident. She wondered if he was okay. It was not until a day later he got word to her that he was okay.

Holliday's writing is full of humor. One of the funniest writings is her list of "Top ten things not to say to a military spouse."

A couple of my favorites are, "Well, at least you get combat pay while he's gone," and "You don't seem to be handling this all that well. How hard can it be?"

The last chapter is probably the most important because it deals with her husband's home-

Holliday is all set to turn over all of the things she'd been doing and her husband is trying to adjust to civilian life.

She writes, "Out there, they made decisions that may have affected lives. Back home, it is grape jelly or strawberry."

"E-mail to the Front" is a funny book with a serious side to it. Holliday's book provides some tips for a separation. It is quick and enjoy-

"E-mail to the Front" is written by Alesia Holliday, contains 238 pages and is published by Andrews McMeel Publishing, Kansas City,

# A civilian remembers the fallen

Thomas William O'Connell Jr.

Special to Army News Service

For some, [the] Memorial Day weekend [means] watching parades or gathering for the season's first family picnic. Some go to parks, while others go to the beach. A lot of us have fun and

And some remember what it is really about.

This Memorial Day, a lot of families across this nation remembered their loved ones who went off to war and died in some distant land. They visited national cemeteries to place a flag upon the grave, next to a weathered headstone. But...some of them weren't able to, for the graves are too new. Instead, they saw their loved ones' graves marked only with a small stake and a piece of paper that is hard to read through tear-filled eyes. This is because their loved ones served in "Operation Iraqi Freedom" and the names of the fallen have not yet been engraved upon a white stone.

> erdarepko tar, tag ardfreight re-entries combined With Koon Xvey Tip on Limited availability co toch numbero ando object to

These fallen ones died for my freedom.

Theirs is a gift that is hard for me to return. After all, I did not have to put my life and everything I hold dear on the line. I did not have to make the supreme sacrifice. As a young man, I registered for the draft, but my cerebral palsy prevented me from being called to serve. Today, I'm too old to serve in uniform anyway. And so, I do what I can do: I support our troops.

For those who care, this is truly easier said than done. When I heard of our first casualty, I felt as if someone from some place just hit me square in the head. I did not know whether to cry or deny a military action I fully supported. I knew I had to do something for these men and women who marched to battle with my support and encouragement.

You may ask, why? No one in the military has ever heard of me, but that is not the point. Whether you are a private citizen or a public official, whatever you say and do has an impact. I had to do something to bring about recognition to all those military people who lost their lives protecting my freedom.

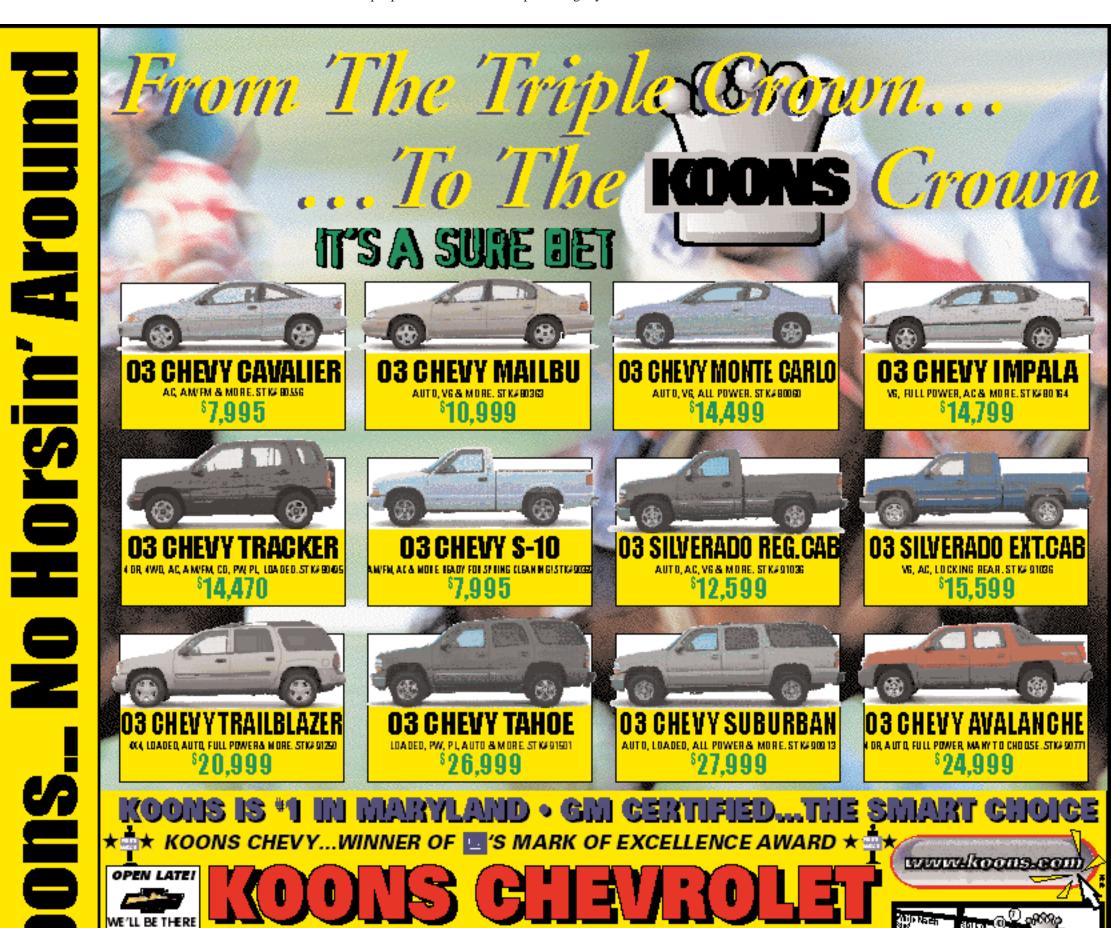
I found that the best way I could honor our troops and give them the recognition they deserve was by posting the names of the fallen in the Iraqi campaign in a lobby display at my New York City building. It is my small way of letting them know I appreciate their sacrifices on my behalf.

[This] Memorial Day, I spent some time thinking of the families left behind. I prayed in my own way that all would be comforted, that their grief would be short lived and their memories would be many and live forever.

And, when a slight breeze passes me by, I will think of it as one of the fallen ones just passing through on his or her way

(Editor's note: Thomas William O'Connell Jr., an employee of Empire City Subway Company, Ltd., evacuated from his workplace near the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001 and witnessed the collapse of the Twin Towers.)

See POEM, page 6



Center, building 3327. Seize a great networking opportunity and learn how a panel of successful and small business owners started their businesses. This workshop will help prospective and established businesses clarify their needs and learn more about the resources available to them. For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, employment program manager at 410-278-9669.

### **Announcing Scrap Yard hours**

The scrap yard at Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office-Meade, Receive in Place Location will begin operating under new hours for turn-in of scrap and/or usable property physically received at the scrap yard. Hours of operation will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For emergency or necessary entrance, contact Lorraine Temple in the Edgewood Area at 410-436-

For more information, call Matherly, leader/COTR at 410-278-2216/9133, e-mail John.Matherly@dla.mil. or the Web http://www.drms.dla.mil.

# **Veterinary clinics** during May

APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will hold a clinic, by appointment only, on May 30, 9 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

For safety, no children under 12 are permitted in the clinic and all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-3911 or 4604.

### **USO-METRO, JETS** co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a job fair on May 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va.

More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can talk to representatives from government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others.

The fair is free to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel.

For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

### **Army Lodging hosts** open house June 3

Army Lodging will host an open house at its new office in building E-4903, Edgewood Area, June 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited. Light refreshments will be served

# **EA** chapel closes for renovations

The Edgewood Chapel will be closed for renovations June 1 to Nov. 30, but all programs will continue as usual.

Sunday masses will be held in the theater section of the Conference Center (across from the chapel). Daily masses and Eucharistic services will be held at the Gunpowder Club (formerly Officers Open Mess). The staff offices will be moved to the Gunpowder Club and will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. All telephone numbers will remain the same.

Father John Bauer will be available for counseling on Tuesday and Wednesday at his temporary office at the Gunpowder Club.

Beginning in September, CCD classes will be split between the Conference Center and the Gunpowder Club.

The only changes are that "Donut Sunday" will not be held during summer months and parish socials and CYOC meetings will be held in Aberdeen. The parish picnics

# Fact of the Week

Approximately 5 billion glass containers are collected each year for recycling.

- Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Solid Waste

will be held at CAPA Field on June 1 and Aug 30. For more information, call the EA Chapel at 410-436-4107.

### **RAB** meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on May 29, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Bush River Study Area and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

# **Registration open for UMUC** summer courses

Registration is now taking place for the University of Maryland University College Summer 2003 semester, which begins May 28.

Classes offered on Aberdeen Proving Ground include Instructional Television Courses: BMGT 342, Fundamentals of Building Wealth; CMIS 340, Programming in Java; CMSC 420, Advanced Data Structures and Analysis; COMM 390, Writing for Managers; COMM Business Writing and PSYC 336, Psychology of Women. Additional classes are available through distance education formats.

visit the APG office of UMUC in building 3146, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

# **APG Telephone Directory update**

**Post Shorts** 

Directorate The Information Management is currently validating the garrison and tenant information in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Telephone Directory. The purpose of this validation is to ensure that the Emergency Response System (911) has electronic access to accurate information.n

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct. The Caller ID feature on telephones will display "APG TELE MGMT" for these authorized information requests.

For more information, call Janet Brown, 410-306-1315.

## **Hours for Badge/ID** and Vehicle **Registration offices**

The hours for all services for the Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

On Fridays following payday and all federal holidays, the offices will be closed.

For more information, call 410-306-2381.

### **Online resource for Operation Iragi** Freedom

An online reference for frequently asked questions about Operation Iraqi Freedom, to include supporting soldiers, mail, family related issues and locating soldiers is http://www.army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html.

### For assistance or to register, **ASAP offers training** materials

The Army Substance Abuse Program has updated training materials in video, pamphlet, booklet and CD format. Topics include alcohol, heroin. cocaine, Ecstasy, and more. Training materials can be used in meeting the mandatory four hours of military training and the three hours of required training for all civilians.

Anyone with questions about preparing for a class should call Troy Denson, Prevention coordinator, 410-278-3137.

## **KUSAHC** offers Take **Care of Yourself** Class

Classes are held on the first and third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All patients enrolled in TRI-CARE Prime are eligible to attend. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor. The classes will be conducted by a Registered Nurse using the Take Care of Yourself handbook that was given to each patient enrolling in TRICARE Prime.

At the end of each class Medication Cards will be given out which will allow patients to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription. This class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime patients only. To sign up for the class, call 410-278-1964.

### **Federal Trade Commission Military** Sentinel project

Information from Federal Trade Commission about its Military Sentinel complaint database is available at http://www.consumer.gov/military/. The complaint database is specially designed to accommodate the needs of

military personnel and their families. The previous link to the reprintable Military Sentinel article did not work correctly because the group that wrote it changed the article's location on its Web site. correct link http://www.napsnet.com/safety/56766.html.

### Free medical billing class

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will offer a free Medical Billing class, 1 to 4 p.m. every Monday, through May 12, in the Army Community Service Class-room.

The class provides a fundamental understanding of medical insurance billing and the life cycle of an insurance claim in relation to the physician's practice. Attendees must attend all sessions to get a certificate of completion from Harford Community College.

Topics include: introduction to claims, preparation and submission, overview of major insurance carriers, insurance and accounts receivable management, overview of the use of information systems in the reimbursement process.

The class is open to all military family members with valid I.D. cards. For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Employment Readiness Manager, ACS, building 2754, 410-278-9669/7474. Anyone interested must register at the ACS building.

## **Weight Watchers at Work Program** continues

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post, and new participants are welcome. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan. To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, call 410-278-1151.









Open to everyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in Harford or Cecil County.

www.APGFCU.com or call 410-272-4000 / 1-800-225-2555

Aberdeen | Abingdon | APG | Bel Air | Edgewood | Elkton | Havre de Grace |





# Community Notes

### **THURSDAY THROUGH MONDAY MAY 29TO JUNE 1 STEPPINGSTONE** SHEEP DOGTRIAL

The Steppingstone Sheep Dog Trial competition will be held each day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Steppingstone Farm Museum, located on 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace.

On May 31 and June 1 vendors will be selling trial Tshirts and mugs, hand made dog treats, plants, paintings, crafts, clothing, herding supplies, Border Collie Rescue, face painting, food and more.

The Bel Air Emergency Food Pantry will also be available to collect non-perishable food donations.

Cost of admission is \$3 per adult and free for children 12 and under. Bring lawn chairs or picnic and blan-

For more information, call Kathryn Paxton-Hill at 410-939-2934 or e-mail steppingstonesdt@aol.com.

### **FRIDAY MAY 30 USO-METRO JOB FAIR**

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint **Employment Transition** Services will co-host a job fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va.

More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can talk to representatives from government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others.

The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel.

For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

### **SATURDAY MAY 31** THE HANDEL CHOIR OF **BALTIMORE**

The Handel Choir of Baltimore with T. Herbert Dimmock, director, will perform Verdi Requiem, 8 p.m.

at the Gilliam Concert Hall, Murphy Fine Arts Center, Morgan State University.

The performance will be dedicated to all those who have given their lives in the defense of the United States of America.

Tickets cost \$25, \$30 and \$35 each. Premier Silver Seating costs \$100, and includes a \$50 donation and reception. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-366-6544, visit www.handelchoir.org, or call George Oswinkle, 410-485-0661/410-529-1661.

# **WEDNESDAY JUNE 4 DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER**

The Disabled American Veterans Bel Air Chapter 30 meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at American Legion Harford Post #39 upper hall, 500 Conowingo Road, Bel Air, There will be no meeting in July or August; meetings will resume in September.

For more information, call 410-838-8325 or 410-879-0861.

### **FRIDAY JUNE 6 COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8; cash bar and no lessons.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

### **FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY JUNE 6THRU 8 FIESTA**

The Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, will hold a fiesta, June 6, 6 to 10 p.m.; June 7, 3 to 10 p.m.; and June 8, noon to 5 p.m. Food, games, a moon bounce, bingo, and much more are part of the days' enjoyment.

For more information, call 410-676-7785.

### **SATURDAY JUNE 7 BULL ROAST, DANCE**

The 'Dinner for Ten Social Group' will hold its first annual Bull Roast and Dance 8 p.m. to midnight at the Parkville Heritage Gardens in the Parkville Shopping

A nonprofit group that wants people to meet and have fun, the event is open to everyone-singles and couples.

Center, Parkville.

The band, Memory Lane, will play rock and roll, swing, Motown and other music.

The menu includes Western style beef on the spit, smoked turkey, country ham, Italian meatballs, sausage with peppers and onions, sauerkraut, kielbasa, baked pasta, corned beef, turkey, cheeses, salads, cole slaw, assorted vegetables, breads, cake coffee, tea, soda, beer and set ups.

Cost is \$25 per person.

For tickets, call Don at 443-829-4106 or Carol Stewart at 410-825-7430 by June 3 so that tickets can be mailed.

### **15TH ANNUAL RISING SUN SUNFEST**

The 15th annual Sunfest street festival will be held in Rising Sun at 9 a.m.

Festivities include the Sunfest parade; entertainment by Dean Sapp and the Harford Express, Jack Foraker, Prairie Dog Phil Wax, Christian Estep and Matthew Grapes; line dancing with Shirley Mackie and bluegrass with Martha McEvoy will be held at the Western Auto parking lot on Queen Street; and vendors featuring arts and crafts, information booths, food, a car show, pony rides, door prizes and more.

### THURSDAY, SATURDAY **JUNE 12, 14 EFFECTIVE BICYCLING CLASS**

The League of American Bicyclists "Road I" course is designed to help develop bicycle handling and traffic skills. Given by a certified instructor from One Less Car, Maryland's bike advocacy group, the class teaches bicyclists to ride safely in traffic and on multi-use trails, and to fix the most common mechanical problems. The course is

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



# **MALIBU'S MOST** WANTED

Friday, May 30, 7 p.m. Starring: Jamie Kennedy, **Anthony Anderson** 

Brad, a wannabe rap star from Malibu acts and talks like he's from the "hood," so his wealthy father hires two actors to disguise themselves as real life gangsters and kidnap his son dropping him off in the real hood in Compton. (PG-13)



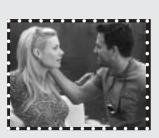
### **ANGER MANAGEMENT**

**Free Admission** 

Saturday, May 31, 7 p. m. Starring: Adam Sandler,

Jack Nicholson A mild mannered businessman is wrongly accused of a crime and sentenced to an anger management program, where he discovers that his instructor as a crazy psycho with his own

anger management problem. (PG-13)



# **VIEW FROM THE TOP**

Saturday, May 31, 9 p.m. Starring: Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate

Donna dreams of becoming a first class international flight attendant and is willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that her dreams come true. (PG-13)

# LIBRARY

The sixth lecture in the Lunch Time Lecture series, "Signal Generation and Measurement," is scheduled for June 11, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the OMMS library, building 3071, lower level. The alternate date is June 18.

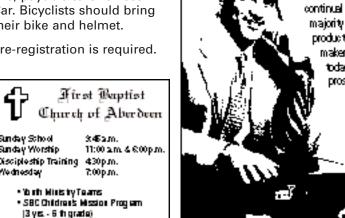
Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation will discuss the methods of signal generation and measurement, and then provide time for hands-on exercises.

This lecture will be of interest for anyone studying for ASE certification in automobile and truck areas such as electri-cal/electronic, engine performance, advanced engine performance and brakes. Attendees will receive a training certificate.

To make a reservation, call 410-278-4991 or visit the library.

designed for ages 14 and older.

The class will be Thursday evening, June 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Bel Air United Methodist Church on the corner of Route 924 and Linwood Avenue. Cost is \$28, payable to One Less Car. Bicyclists should bring their bike and helmet.



Pre-registration is required.

Sunday Worship Xiscipleship Training 430p.m.

|3 yes. - 6 th grade) Payer Meeting

le Goy Johanne, Austr 28 E. Lel Air Are. - Averdeen, M. I. 2011 410-222-2019



Focus your message directly at the busi- 🍇 🗞 ness core of one of Maryland's fastest 🛞 growing counties. With a disculation 🦓 🔆 🦠 of over 8,000 businesses, the 🎉 🔆 Harford Business Ledger brings continual updates to the greatest." majority of decision makers. Sell your products or services to affluent, powerful decision. makers in our community of Harford County, Call today to learn how we can help your business. For more information please call: Ann Plante Buler 48-448-4481 cts

10 Haye St., Bell Lir, MD 21014

abolen@harfordledgeccom.

THE HOTTEST NAME IN GIRLS FASHIONIII off Specialty Store Prices This is current summer matcherolice,

the committee involve and specially attract from the involve and specially attract from the involve policy, and the involve process and the track of the track of the prices.

WP SANT FOR MET HELDTAN

3430 Emmerton Road

1226 Greateping Driv

31-18-05-118-



mww.gabrinibrathara.nom

THE ÆGIS

# Father's Day Essay Contest

Tell us why your Dad is special and we'll give him a special day!

Enter our special Father's Day Contest and win dinner and a baseball game for you and Dad.

To Enter: Just complete the entry form below and tell us in 300 words or less why your Dad is special

# Contest Rules

- Contest is open to students up to (and induding) the age of 16 in Harford County.
- 2. Entries must be received at The Aegis by June 2, 2003
- Winner will be selected by a panel of judges and all decisions of the judges are final.
- 4. Winner will be notified by telephone or mail.
- 5. Employees of Homestead Publishing Co. and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.
- 5. Once submitted, entries become the sole property of Homestead Publishing Colland will not be
- 7. No purchase necessary to enter and only one entry per person.
- 3. Selected entries, not necessarily the winner, may be published. by the newspaper and used for promotional purposes.

Essay Contest Entry For	nı · Attach To Entry
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone #:	Age:
Father's Namie:	

Once completed please mail to:

The Accis

10 Hays St. Bel Air, MD 21014 Attention: Marketing Department Or Bring It By Our Office 410-838-4409 + 410-879-9592 + Facsimile 410-838-2848



# Army bids farewell to White



Photo by Sgt. REEBA CRITSER Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki pins the Decoration of Distinguished Civilian Service, the highest Army

civilian award, on outgoing Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White May 9.

Staff Marcia Triggs Army News Service

A farewell ceremony marked the end of Thomas White's term as the 18th secretary of the Army May 9 at Fort Myer, Va.

The Department of Defense announced April 25 that White submitted his resignation to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. The reason for White's sudden decision to step down was not given.

The White House announced May 7 that James Roche, who is currently the secretary of the Air Force, was nominated as White's replacement. Roche now must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the 19th Secretary of the

It was spring 2001 when White made his first speech as the secretary of the Army. In front of a group of senior noncommissioned officers, he first introduced the Army to his ideas of transformation and better business practices.

As a former Enron executive who specialized in getting companies to outsource services, one of White's goals was to get the Army out of non-war-related business.

"The last two years have been a period of enormous importance for our Army and the country. The Installation Management Agency, Network Enterprise Technology Command and the Army Contracting Agency are examples of improvements to our business practices," White said during an intimate ceremony that was hosted by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

As a tag team, White and Shinseki have both awarded countless soldiers for heroic acts and accomplishments, but this time White stood still while Shinseki pinned the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service Medal on

Currently, the simulator is capable of testing single axle vehicles with a gross vehicle weight up to 13 tons at speeds up to 120 mph and vehicles with tandem rear axles and a

tons at 70 mph. When the third phase of and durability tests on light to construction is complete, the

weights as high as 40 tons.

The Roadway Simulator

trucks in a highly instrument- testing tractor trailer combina-Simulator trucks in a highly instrument-ed, well-controlled, and safe environment that is uneffected tions with gross vehicle

# Farewell message to the Army Family

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your secretary these last two years; the absolute high point of my professional life.

Our soldiers and civilian employees have distinguished themselves in peace and war befitting our heritage and reputation of service to the nation since before its founding. I could not be prouder of the outstanding contributions you have made to our nation's defense and the honorable manner in which you have shouldered the immense sacrifices required of you and your families.

The Army remains at war and transforming. We have significant challenges ahead. We will win the War on Terrorism as part of a Joint team regardless of duration and difficulty.

Additionally, it is absolutely vital that we build on our successes and sustain our momentum to realize the vision of Army Transformation as part of the Joint Force.

America's Army turns 228 years old next month. Our enduring commitment to our fellow citizens is to be ready to defend the United States and her allies when called. As I conclude my duty with you I am proud to report to the American people that their respect and admiration for their Army is well founded. God Bless you, the United States Army and the United States of America.

Tom White 18th Army Secretary

White received the highest award for civilian service in an auditorium filled with his family members, close friends, members of Congress and Pentagon personnel. In formation stood units from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (Old Guard), and the Army Band, "Pershing's Own," representing soldiers Army wide.

The soldier and his family is why White said he joined the Army team again after retiring as a brigadier general in 1990.

"We came back to the Army two years ago for only one reason, to give something back to the institution that changed my life and gave so much to me," White said.

The Residential Communities Initiative, which uses commercial contractors to improve family housing, was one accomplishment White

"By 2007 we will have contracts in place to provide over 72,000 new or refurbished homes to Army families stationed in the United States," he

"We are transforming concurrently with winning the global War on Terrorism. It ain't the 'shock and awe' of the operational plan that wins wars, it's all about having the best soldiers," White said, which was followed by thunderous applause from the audi-

When White came on board, the Army was in the process of transforming under the vision of Shinseki. But the chief told the audience members that White reinforced his efforts to bridge the operational gap between the rapidly deployable lighter forces and the later arriving heavier forces.

"He [White] fought to Along."

increase the Army's momentum in its advance toward the objective force and the future combat system, and he worked tirelessly with Congress to improve housing, pay, and education for soldiers and their family members," Shinseki said.

Two tours in Vietnam and the War on Terrorism are bookends to a career that spans over 36 years and makes White a veteran of three wars, Shinseki said at the end of his 15-minute tribute to White.

White graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1967 and joined the ranks of the Army's officer

The former cavalry officer closed out his Army career holding his grandson, Thomas E. White IV, and watching the Army Band march away playing "The Army Goes Rolling

From front page

an award for her work on the Roadway Simulator but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Following the ribbon cutting, Schultz used a HMMWV on the Roadway Simulator to demonstrate some of the simulator's capabilities.

The Roadway Simulator is designed to conduct a wide variety of performance, safety

environment that is unaffected by undesirable weather conditions, while extending test envelopes and engineering analysis, and providing highly repeatable measurements.

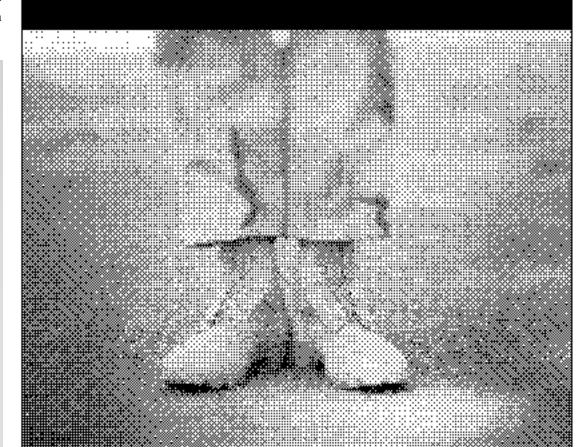
gross vehicle weight up to 30

heavy military and commercial simulator will be capable of

will provide the Department of Defense, Department of Transportation, Department of Energy, state agencies, automotive and truck manufacturers, commercial trucking and technology-oriented colleges and universities a standardized automotive testing and is a key asset for testing advancedmobility vehicles and associated technologies evolving from Army Transformation.

# WE'VE STOOD WITH AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES

THROUGH 66 YEARS OF CALL-UPS, MOBILIZATIONS, DEPLOYMENTS AND SEPARATIONS.



GEICO offers special programs for members of the military. We've



served you since 1936 and we're standing by you now. Give us a call.



1-800-MILITARY

us. Memorial Day and its solemn reverent observance mean a great deal to me.")

# Let us remember together

We are doomed or blessed

Let us remember together

Who are privileged to vote

To wear this nation's uniform

To wave our flag

Let us remember

told us

called to active duty in support of Operation

Noble Eagle assigned to Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance

He currently instructs the 52D10/20

Refresher Training to mobilized Reservists and occasionally the Annex E 3KW TQG Generators Course to the advanced individ-

According to Hopkins, the poem's intent is

"to focus our hearts on those brave Americans that did not return to life among

Battalion, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

ual training students.

To worship our Creator

Surely Mother must have

To do unto others

Let us remember

(About the author: Sgt.

1st Class Carroll Hopkins

is an Army Reservist

We should all Have known better

By what we accept To be the inevitable

Of all of us

Sgt. 1st Class Carroll Hopkins Special contributor

Let us march And be seen to give voice and form To those who lay in silent graves At home and on distant shores

Let us remember together Let us recognize The failure of war is the failure of

reason And remember the precious and bloodied custodians

Who humbly return us to peace squandered Let us remember together

Let us know At the earliest age Peace is not merely the absence of war But a completeness complete Let us remember together

The great victories are In the battlefields of hearts When we succeed in preventing all children From becoming veterans, victims and orphans

Let us remember together

Let us know beforehand

# **©** ECBC News

# Center receives award for homeland defense technology

Directorate leaders appointed

tinue its work in basic and advanced

chemistry for non-medical chemical and

director of the Advanced Planning and

Initiatives Directorate. The AP&I direc-

torate is focused on business development

and technology transfer in support of

Jeffrey Hinte will assume the role of

biological defense technologies.

**Timothy Lavery ECBC** 

**Timothy Lavery** 

The Edgewood Chemical Biological

Center announced May 13 two appoint-

ments of leaders of two directorates. The

ship by temporary acting directors.

appointments followed a period of leader-

role of director of ECBC's Research and

Dr. Raymond Mackay will assume the

The Homeland Defense Business Unit of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center received the Lockheed Martin Homeland Security Center award at the Federal Office Systems Exposition 2003 conference for its homeland defense application of ECBC's Biological Aerosol Warning System technology April

For this application, the BAWS was combined with chemical and radiological sensors integrated in a single device called the Chemical, Biological, Radiological Early Warning System called CBREWS.

"This is a prime example of dual-use," said Jim Zarzycki, ECBC technical director. "The technology we're developing is helping the country both abroad and at home."

The FOSE, sponsored by the Federal Leadership Council, is the largest information technology exposition serving the gov-

ernment marketplace with a scope recently expanded to include homeland security technologies and a homeland security-specific pavilion. A homeland security demonstration was held at this year's event, at which the CBREWS was displayed and demonstrated. The HLDBU received the award, sponsored by Lockheed Martin, for demonstrating the homeland security applications of the integration of the various technologies into a single unit.

The BAWS is derived from a military biological agent detection device.

Now in its 27th year, FOSE hosts over 400 exhibitors showcasing the newest integrated information technology products and services for government. FOSE draws thousands of highlevel attendees from the military, civilian, state and local agencies, along with suppliers to government, corporate, education, and healthcare buyers.

to the warfighter and first responders.

ECBC has four directorates: R&T,

AP&I, Engineering and Chemical

Biological Services. Each directorate con-

tributes complimentary services to

ECBC's full life-cycle product support

programs, from initial research to rapid

prototyping and limited production.

leadership, the R&T directorate will conchemical and biological defense solutions

# Diabetics!

If you have Medicare or Private insurance (No HMOs), you may qualify to have your supplies. delivered to your door AT NO COST TO YOU.

Call our professional staff for assistance. DyabetiMed

Tall Free: 1-866-807-0024





• 16-18. ZEE

Mold mildew and water leaking into your basement causes health and foundation problems. What can be done to fix the problem? Allstate American Waterproofing is an honest hardworking local company. We will give you a FREE evaluation and estimate and a fair price. We have repaired thousands of basements in the area; we can provide local references. When your neighbors needed waterproofing they called Alistate American. Why don't you? Call now to receive a 20% discount on all work completed by June 15th.

CALL 1 B00 420 7783 NOW!



- Less than 5 miles from
- Delicious daily specials
- Panoramic view of the galf course
- Indoor / Outdoor seating
- Meeting facilities for 150



# Beechtree Golf Club

811 S. Stepney Rd. Aberdeen, MD 21001

410-297-9700 or 877-233-2487

www.beechtreegolf.com

Open Daily for lunch at 11 a.m.

Technology Directorate. Under Mackay's ECBC's mission to provide the best

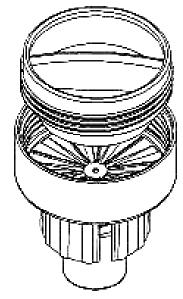


Photo courtesy of ECBC The BiSKit makes sampling wide areas for biological agents safer, faster

# Licensing agreement announced

**Timothy Lavery** 

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center announced a patent licensing agreement with QuickSilver Analytics, Inc., of Abingdon, to produce its Biological Sampling Kit, or BiSKit, for commercial sale, May 14.

Under this agreement, QuickSilver will produce and market the ECBC invention.

"This agreement is an excellent example of how ECBC transitions military technologies to the civilian sector," said Jim Zarzycki, ECBC technical director. "Technology transfer is an important component of our work at Edgewood."

The BiSKit was developed in response to the increased need for biological sampling that arose after the anthrax attacks of October 2001.

The BiSKit modernized the traditional methods of biological sampling, making it easier, safer and more reliable.

QuickSilver Analytics, Inc., is a defense-related analytical laboratory with vast experience with chemical warfare and warfare-related chemicals.

Quicksilver offers on- and off-site fully equipped laborato-

ries, sample analysis and project management services. QuickSilver can be reached at 410-676-4300.

# DIABETICS!



Diabetic Supplies **DELIVERED** Little or No Cost!

Call Now! Toll Free 888-722-7556

Declare Your Independence with

Elist eine kontrez fest uit vener 🗗 Makeiler Sirge Ges



Active Duty & Retired Active Military. Show your ID & receive an additional

Maryland's 1 Exclusive Buick Dealer for the & straight year

410-515-6100

Rt. 924 (Emmorton Road), Abingdon

MARYLAND PREVIEW

Offering Special Pricing On



# Morale, Recreation & Welfare

# **Outdoor Recreation shows its stuff during MWR Expo**



Camping equipment including a pop-up tent, propane lantern and cooking utensils can be rented at the MWR Equipment Resource Center.

Story and photos by Yvonne Johnson APG News

The staff of the Community Recreation Division's Outdoor Recreation put on an open-air display of the best of its summer rental inventory during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Expo, May 5.

Sheltered under a large canopy party tent in front of the Post Bowling Center, the Outdoor Recreation staff, led by Ken Singleton, Equipment Resource Center manager, and Ed Delacruz, chief, Swimming Pools and Boating Activities, answered questions and gave away complimentary MWR mugs to visitors.

"We want people to see what the ERC has available for their camping, boating, picnic and party needs," Singleton said.

He said the most common remark they received from the curious who stopped was, "I never knew this stuff was here."

"Most are excited to learn we offer the same rentals they've been getting elsewhere, but at better rates [through Outdoor Recreation]," added Delacruz.

The items on display included two 17-foot canoes, a 16-foot motorboat, a two-person tent, a propane lantern, a

cooking set and a Super Grill with trailer.

The grills burn charcoal or propane and rent for \$20 and \$30 per day, respectively. In addition, the canoe with paddles and two vests rents for \$12 per day while the two-person tent is \$4.50.

"These are just some of the things we offer," Singleton said, adding that active-duty military, retirees, Department of Defense civilians, Aberdeen Proving Ground long-term contractors and their family members are authorized to use the ERC.

Other items in the ERC brochure include sports and game equipment like baseballs and gloves and volleyball sets, tables and folding chairs, cots, backpacks, sleeping bags, car top carriers and ice chests.

Located in building 2407, the ERC hours of operation are Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The ERC is closed Sunday and on federal holidays.

"That does not affect your Friday rental," Singleton said.

For more information, stop by building 2407, call 410-278-4124/ 5789, or e-mail: outdoor.recreation@usag.apg. army.mil.



Ed Delacruz of Morale Welfare and Recreation's Community Recreation Division, flips burgers and hot dogs for staff members on a Super Grill, one of several Equipment Resource Center rental items on display during the MWR Expo held May 5 in front of the Bowling Center.

# **Bowling Center activities**

league starts June 27. Bowling begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person for nine weeks of in June. Receive an entry form bowling, skipping July 4 weekend.

A Wednesday Doubles league, starts June 18, for \$10 per week. Bowling begins at 6 p.m., and is eight weeks long.

A Thursday doubles league starts June 19. The cost is \$10

bowling 6 p.m.

MYSTERY BOWL II starts for each game bowled or for a purchase from the snack bar. There will be a drawing each Monday for the nine weeks for this promotion. Prizes will be on display at the Bowling Center.

The winners of the nine out the summer.

A Summer Adult/Youth per week, eight weeks, start weeks will be included in a drawing for a chance to win a resort vacation.

> The more customers use the facility, the more chances of winning.

To sign up for any of the summer leagues, visit the center or call 410-278-4041.

APG News will advertise other center specials through-

# Youth Services offers driver's ed

Driver's Education classes are scheduled June 24 to July 7 (except July 4), 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parents and students must attend class together June 23, 5:30 to 7 p.m. The final exam will be given between 5:30 and 7 p.m. on July 8.

The cost for Driver's Ed classes is \$285 for family members of military, retired, DoD (and DA) civilians and \$290 for sponsored guests. Minimum age is 15 years, four months.

Registration will be held 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 29 through June 17, at the AA Youth Center, building 2522, or the EA Youth Center, building E-1902. A minimum class size of 10 students is required prior to end of the registration period. For more information, call the Aberdeen Area Youth Center at 410-278-4995 or e-mail AAyouthcenter@usag.apg.army.mil.

# **Methods of registration**

Registering for any MWR event can be accomplished by visiting the specific facility holding the event or the Leisure Travel Office, building 3326, by mailing in the registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

# Class on wildlife, habitats at **APG**

Community Recreation Division will hold a wildlife and habitat presentation June 7, 10 a.m. to noon at the Mitchell House, building 5650.

Learn the complete history of wildlife that inhabited APG prior to and after 1917, the year of its conception. Detailed information will be provided on approximate numbers and species based on current and past records that are available. Predictions for future wildlife populations will be covered along with the existing patterns of behavior exhibited by the present population. Learn about what is happening to maintain, enlarge or minimize the many varieties inhabiting APG.

Cost to attend is \$10 for adults and free for one child with a paying adult. Register by June 5, at MWR Registration, building 3326, or call 410-278-4907, or see www.apgmwr.com.

For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

# Tennis lessons

There will be two levels of classes, beginners and intermediate. Beginners will learn how to keep score and select the proper equipment, proper hitting techniques and how to practice to improve their game. Intermediates will be instructed on what methods to use when they are practicing to develop an all around game. Classes will be held every Saturday, June 7 to 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Aberdeen Area Tennis Courts. Cost is \$25. Register by June 5.

For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

# Yankees vs. Mets

Tickets are available to see the "House that Babe Ruth Built" and watch one of the greatest games in the subway series,

June 28, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Yankee Stadium. Cost has been reduced to \$71. Register by June 14. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-

staice.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

# **Introduction to putting**

This one-hour group lesson teaches proper grip and stance. Class will be held at Ruggles Golf Course on June 8, 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register by May 30.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

# Introduction to the short game

This one-hour group lesson teaches club selection and stroke. Class will be held at Ruggles Golf Course on June 15 from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register by June 6. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or email her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

# Pool passes

Season pool passes can be purchased at either the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Hoyle Fitness Center building E-4210, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or at MWR Registration.

There is a daily fee of \$3 including houseguests.

Individual monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$12.50, all others cost \$25.

Family monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$25, all others cost \$35.

Individual season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$25, all others cost \$50.

Family season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$50, all others cost \$80.

Military students on weekends and holidays will only be charged a daily fee of \$1.50.

# **Introduction to woods**

This one-hour group lesson teaches the proper grip, stance and swing of the woods. Class will be held at Ruggles Golf Course June 7, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register by May 30.

For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

# Folk and modern dancing

Various steps and precise dance sequences will be taught to bring about a cohesively balanced program filled with grace and harmony. No experience is needed. Class will be held on June 4 at Russell Gym, 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$24.

For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

# **Beginning kayak**

These instructional classes are designed to enable the student to become proficient in the safe operation of a kayak in open water. This course will consist of hands-on training in the water. All equipment will be provided for the class and participants should wear comfortable attire. Classes will be held every Friday, June 6 to 20 at the Aberdeen Area Boat Docks from 5 to 8 p.m. Register by June 3.

For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

# Mystery Bowl II

Mystery Bowl II starts June 1. Receive an entry for every game bowled and every purchase from the snack bar. A weekly drawing will be held each Monday for nine weeks. At the end of the contest, there will be a grand prize drawing for a trip to a mystery resort.

For more information, contact Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail him at dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

# NASCAR racing in Dover

With a brand of racing that is as intimate as it is intense, there's no wonder why people continue to flock to "The Monster Mile." Take a trip to Dover International Speedway on Sept. 21 and check out the NASCAR Winston Cup race. Tickets are on sale now for \$135. A \$65 deposit will reserve tickets. Final payments must be made 30 days prior to the event. Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 8 at MWR Registration.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbar-ger@usag.apg.army.mil.

**Contest underway at Ruggles** driving the ball at Ruggles Golf Course driving range. One golfer each week will find a "lucky" red ball in their bucket, which wins that golfer

a prize. The contest ends June 30. Weekly winners will be placed in a grand prize drawing for a trip for two to a "Great Golf Escape" that will be announced on July 31. The seven-day trip includes trans-

Now is the time to practice portation, daily rounds of golf, one hour of tennis daily and \$500 in cash.

> No purchase is necessary so others interested in entering the grand prize drawing need to stop by the Pro Shop to fill out the necessary paperwork to enter. For more information, contact Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

# Library Book Corner

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

The following is a list of some of the new books at the APG MWR libraries:



Heart Seizure by Bill Fitzhugh

When the President's chief of staff bumps Rose from the top of the heart transplant list, her son, Spence, steals the donor heart and kidnaps a surgeon. What follows is a hilarious road trip from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City as an ever-increasing cast of eccentric characters gets involved in Spence's crusade.



Signal & Noise by John Griseimer

The Spinning Man by George Harrar





Murder Off Mike by Joyce

Vapor Trail by Chuck Logan



Anita Shreve Good Faith by Jane Smiley



The library's online catalog can be accessed at

www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html.

# Web site supports Army well-being

Col. Christine Inouye

Let's Roll! Be the HEALTHY Army of One! The time is now. For the Army family, accessibility to a comprehensive health and fitness program is only a mouse click away.

"Army readiness is inextricably linked to the Well-Being of our People." These powerful words spoken by the Army, Chief of Staff, General Eric K. Shinseki, clearly embrace the vision and the need for improving and sustaining the institutional strength of the

Well-Being is "the personal - physical, material, mental and spiritual - state of Soldiers (Active, National Guard, Army Reserve), retirees, veterans, Department of the Army civilians and their family members that contributes to their preparedness to perform and support "The Army's mission." Health promotion and fitness is an integral part of the Army Well-Being program, a system that integrates and

initiatives into a holistic sys-

self-directed,

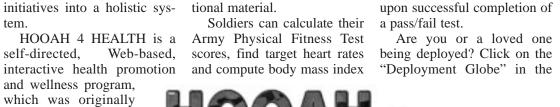
and wellness program, which was originally designed for the Army Reserve Component. However, it has marched hand-in-hand with the Army Well-Being mission since it was conceived in the fall of 1998. Because of visionary thinkers, the web site, sponsored by the Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preven-tive Medicine, Army Reserve, and

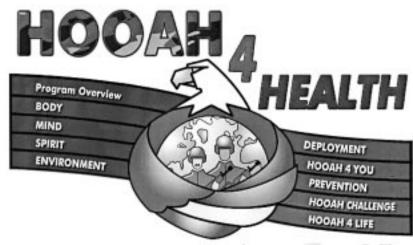
Army embraces the holistic systems of body, mind, spirit and environment.

can navigate through one userfriendly Web page to access dozens of military and civilian healthcare sites to find vast amounts of health mainte-

tional material.

HOOAH 4 HEALTH is a Army Physical Fitness Test Web-based, scores, find target heart rates





National Guard, as well as finding information Environment section, and on mental, spiritual, and environmental health.

Take the HOOAH CHAL-Once logged on, soldiers LENGE, a self-help correspondence course with interactive quizzes, feedback mechanisms, hyperlinks, bookmarks and pull down menus to help soldiers earn retirement points

learn about any geographical region in the world where soldiers are deployed.

In addition, family members can access health benefit information in this section.

The quarterly HOOAH 4 HEALTH newsletter is another great tool to provide sol-

incorporates all quality of life nance and prevention educa- or continuing education units diers with health promotion and fitness information. The newsletter can be downloaded with the unit's logo and assists being deployed? Click on the Commanders in maintaining "Deployment Globe" in the the health and welfare of their

soldiers. "As a commander," said Col. Karen Neumann, commander, 21st General Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., "you must be prevention driven. The old cliché certainly applies. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

From the numerous positive comments from the HOOAH 4 HEALTH Mailbag, K Celtic Warrior, Kelly B. Lynn, writes, "As a former member of the Army National Guard, I had to

write and tell vou what a fantastic Web site you have developed. My only question is, where were you all when I went through Basic Training in 1987? What I would have done to have a site like yours back then. Hopefully, the Army's Recruiters are using this site and encouraging the potential soldiers to use it and follow the advice. Great information you all have and keep up the good work. Drive on."

"The decision to make healthy lifestyle change is still an individual choice which can certainly be influenced by quality of life programs such as HOOAH 4 HEALTH," said Col. Deborah Wheeling, chief, Clinical Services, Army National Guard, Office of the Chief Surgeon.

The HOOAH 4 HEALTH Web site has met the met one of the many challenges of Army Well-Being through a concerted team effort to make our Army a better place for soldiers, civilians and their families to live, to connect, and to grow.

HOOAH 4 HEALTH is just a mouse click away at www.hooah4health.com.

(Editor's note: Col. Chris-tine Inouye is the project officer for HOOAH 4 HEALTH, CHPPM, APG.)

# When it's more than stress

Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.

Feeling tense, irritable or anxious? Having trouble concentrating or getting a good night's rest? These are common symptoms of stresssomething everyone experiences from time to time. Deadlines, traffic jams and even holidays lead to feeling frazzled.

When temporary, stress can necessitate needed action. However, sometimes stress can trigger or develop into something more serious. **Anxiety disorders** 

It's natural to feel nervous or anxious when stressed. But, people with anxiety disorders worry intensely and with such frequency that it disrupts their lives. There are several types of anxiety disorders, such as generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder and phobias.

### **Depression**

More than just "the blues," depression is marked by prolonged feelings of sadness,

despair and hopelessness. It may be brought on by a loss or other external circumstance. But, people with depression often blame themselves. They may withdraw from daily activities and social circles. And, they may even have thoughts of death or suicide, which should never be ignored.

### **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder**

Many events in life can be stressful. However, some are so traumatic that they trigger a prolonged and exaggerated stress response. Experiencing a natural disaster, crime or abuse, for instance, often leaves a lasting imprint, as well as feelings of anxiety, fear or restlessness and reliving an event in the mind-or being unable to shake tragic images.

### Do you need help?

Professional help may be needed if:

- There is no pleasure in things that once were enjoyable.
  - Feelings of hopelessness or helplessness

- · Relationships with friends and family begin to suffer or become strained.
- · Experiences of increased irritability, anger and frustration occur every day.
- Being consumed with worry or panic, or are unable to control repetitive behaviors.
- Alcohol, tobacco or other drugs are

If life's stress is overwhelming, don't hesitate to talk with a doctor or counselor. There are effective treatments for getting back on track and enjoying life again.

### A phone call away

The Health Care Information Line can help cope with physical symptoms that often are associated with emotional distress. Call 1-800-308-3518 for information and support for symptoms like headaches, stomachaches, insomnia and much more. Registered nurses are available 24 hours every day.



# New patient privacy rules to take effect

File cabinets with medical records are being locked. Callers to hospitals are getting little, if any, information about sick friends and relatives. Pharmacy customers are being kept back from the desk so pharmacists can privately discuss medication with other patients.

Privacy rules took effect April 14 for most health plans and will cover every health insurance company, hospital, clinic, doctor and pharmacy.

The rules, years in the making, prohibit disclosure, without patient permission, of information for reasons unrelated to health care. Violators face civil and criminal penalties that can mean up to \$250,000 in fines and 10 years in prison.

"This is the biggest thing to hit the health care sector since Medicare," said Dr. Jeffrey N. Hausfeld, an ear, nose and throat doctor in the Washington area who has been advising his peers about the rules.

It is the first federal law that guarantees medical privacy. The rules were first written by the Clinton administration. The Bush administration allowed them to move ahead with some changes.

Patients will receive notices explaining their new rights, including the right to examine their medical records and to request corrections. Patients have a right to know if their records have been shared with law enforcement or with public health

authorities.

The rules bar doctors and hospitals from giving out patient information to third parties for marketing purposes or to employers, unless a patient specifically agrees.

Health care companies may not disclose information beyond what is minimally necessary to deliver care.

It is this last, broad requirement that is leading to adjustments in hospitals and doctor's offices, said Rick Campanelli, director of the Office for Civil Rights at Health and Human Services Department.

The law allows for "incidental" disclosures of information, but those covered by the rule are expected to put in place "reasonable safeguards" to protect people's private information. That means that in doctor's reception areas, sign-in sheets

may be used, but patients should no longer be asked to write down their conditions because other patients see the sheet.

In an emergency room, the large white boards, where patient names and medical problems are listed, should be moved to areas out of public view.

In hospitals, patient charts should be turned to face the wall so that people walking by cannot read them. New computer software allows doctors' offices to identify

patients by full name or just by initials, just in case others might catch a glance of the screen. Most hospitals have new policies on releasing information

about a patient's condition. This was once routinely provided to family, friends, clergy and reporters who called. Under the new rules, hospitals must give patients a chance to opt out of any hospital directory.

No information—even that a patient is in the hospital—may be released if a patient objects. Even if a patient should agree to a general listing, hospitals may release only limited information without specific authorization and only if a caller asks about a patient by name.

The rules were authorized by a 1996 law called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

They were created as part of a larger effort to allow for electronic exchange of patient information. Critics were concerned that once medical information was concentrated in electronic files, it could too easily land in the wrong hands. Thus, Congress mandated that privacy rules be put into place first.

"This is the best way to make sure that patients get the rights and protections that they expect," HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson said in a statement.

The smallest health plans will have an additional year to comply with the rules.

(Editor's note: Information provided by U.S. Army Medical Command Public Affairs and Marketing Office from Press Release, April 13.)

# Proving ground welcomes reserve troops

Cathy Kropp

Soldiers from the 398th Chemical Company, an Army reserve unit based in Tennessee, recently reported to Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area to augment the Technical Escort Unit.

The soldiers have been activated to augment TEU's homeland response capabilities while the battalion's busy teams continue to support DoD's efforts to disarm Iraq. The company, which normally performs decontamination and smoke operations, will spend the next few months in training so they can be integrated into a variety of elements within the battalion.

"This is an incredible opportunity for us to excel," said Capt. Affuso, commander of the 398th Chemical Company (Detachment 1). "We are able to employ our decontamination skills in a

Besides bringing helping hands, we are expanding our base skills," Affuso said.

The platoons will be divided into the team configurations normally found in the escort battalion, serving on national response teams, joint response teams, remediation and restoration teams, and if needed, supporting national special security events and operations in support of combatant commanders.

"Working in conjunction with the active component, under more technologically and tactically advanced conditions, provides my soldiers with an invaluable experience that they will be able to utilize to enhance the remainder of their careers," she said.

While attached to the TEU, the reserve soldiers will be supporting the unit's worldwide response mission of monitoring, sampling, packaging, transporting and disposing manner that complements of weaponized and non-

TEU's ongoing mission. weaponized chemical and biological hazards. The augmentees are expected to remain activated for about a

> "We welcome the addition of the 398th Chemical Company to America's Guardians," said Lt. Col. George E. Steiger, acting commander of TEU. "Integration of a reserve unit in support of TEU is a new experience for us, as will be the unique missions the 398th's soldiers will perform as part of the TEU team."

"TEU's mission load, in support of operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and now Iraqi Freedom, along with our standing emergency response requirements, gives our soldiers and civilians little pause. After an initial, intensive training program, the 398th will provide us with an enhanced operational depth to support TEU's wide breadth and scope of missions," Steiger said.

# LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, **Application to Become a Leave** Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within

agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave **Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave** Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, to complete a termination

# Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement) Mildred T. Becker (surgery) Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia) Robert J. Boonstoppel (surgery) (liver transplant) Tammy Budkey Jane E. Calahan Patricia D. Choate Sharon Gary (care for family member) Patty Gibson Edgar W. Greer Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery) Melanie A. Hoffman

(parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition) Beverly King (caring for husband) William Klein Anita L Koller (care for husband) George Kudrna (caring for father) Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury) William B. McLean (kidney failure) Calvin E. Peake Karen S Pense Mary E. Pettiway

Linda M. D. Queen Tess Ramos (lung surgery) Michael Reynolds (care of mother) Cheryl L. Roark Teresa L. Shores Jorja V. Thomas-Murcia Sandra M. Wachter (surgery) Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant) Ludilina O. Valarao (surgery) (brain tumor removed)

For information about donating annual leave, call Ronda McKinney at 410-278-8988 or fax 410-278-7652.

# Grants, internships and more on new Web site

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

Information on more than \$570 million in internships, scholarships and grants can be found at a federal government Web site, thanks to an Army major.

Maj. Barry Williams, currently serving as a White House Fellow, created the "e-scholar" site to give people a wealth of information without having to spin their wheels with numerous search engines.

Williams, a former brigade operations officer in South Korea, began his stint as a White House Fellow in September. He was selected after competing against hundreds of other applicants and undergoing numerous interviews. To date, e-scholar has been his greatest contribution to the program, he said.

"This Web site is for America - students, parents, career professionals and those with disabilities," Williams said. "From age 16 on up, from all walks of life, we want to give people a taste of what the federal government has to offer.'

E-scholar, located at http://www.studentjobs.gov/e-scholar.htm,

went online March 28 and gets about 12,000 hits a day. Individuals can search for grants, internships, jobs and volunteer service by indicating what type of positions they're looking for, salary expectations and geographic preferences.

Other tools located at the site include "Create a Profile" and "Create a Resume." By entering a profile, individuals can be notified if what they are looking for is posted at a future date. Also, individuals can send their resumes out electronically.

This Web site is going to build on the partnership that the federal government is trying to establish with the community, Williams said. For instance, career professionals such as teachers, can participate in internships and work with renowned scientists, lawyers or doctors who are working on current projects, he said. Then they can take that experience back to the classroom or laboratory, he added.

Williams, 36, pledges that the site will only improve. His year-long tour as a White House Fellow will be up in six months, but the federal Office of Personnel Management will continue to

"It launched with \$400 million in opportunities, and in three weeks we've added \$170 million more. So I'm sure that there are other programs out there that we haven't added to the site," Williams said. "We're also asking for input from our users to help us make the site better."

Long hours were put into creating the site, Williams said, to launch it before the summer. But according to the White House Fellow's application, work assignments for fellows are challenging, often requiring long hours and at times unglamorous duties.

With six months left as a fellow, Williams said he's looking for more challenging assignments during his current tour.

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about the Army and soldiers, but it's comforting knowing that I'm able to serve my nation in a different manner," said Williams, a 13-year veteran. "I don't know where my next assignment will be, but I'm looking forward to using the leadership management tools that I've gained at OPM in the military."

# Corporate partnership aims to increase spouse jobs

Victoria Palmer

Army News Service

Expanding employment opportunities for Army spouses while fulfilling corporate America's demand for skilled workers was the topic of the Army Spouse Employment Partnership Program working session in Arlington, Va., May 12.

Representatives from 17 corporations were among those who attended the meeting, coordinated by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center as a follow up to the Army Spouse Employment Summit hosted by the chief of staff of the Army in December 2002.

This month's meeting began with a welcome by program chairman John McLaurin III, deputy assistant secretary of the Army (Human Resources), who highlighted the qualities and values Army spouses bring to the workplace.

"Army spouses have values extremely important to the private sector," McLaurin said. "They know teamwork, they're flexible, they're dedicated and they know how to get things

With the goal to formalize the partnership

working group structure, session participants access to a very talented, very diverse labor worked together on clarifying the partnership mission, vision statement and goals, and developing guiding principles and action items.

Attendees also met in five work groups: critical success indicators, pilot program development, best practices, strategic communications and Web site development. The groups, each consisting of several corporate partners and an Army subject matter expert, will continue work over the next several months to develop the program.

"We're hoping to kick off the program with signed statements of commitment by corporate partners at the beginning of the new fiscal year in October," said Nancy Whitsett, spouse employment partnership program manager at CFSC. The program will then be implemented at pilot sites before going Army-wide, Whitsett

"This is a phenomenal process, a great project. I can't see how corporate America would lose, nor do I see how the Army could lose with this," said Delores Johnson, family programs director at CFSC. "This is going to create jobs for spouses and give the corporate community

pool.

The diversity of employable candidates among Army spouses was of key interest to corporate attendees.

"I desperately need bi-lingual," said Amy Dobbs, sourcing and recruiting senior manager for Bell South during the meeting general discussion, which elicited agreement from other attendees.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2002 directed DoD to examine existing spouse employment programs with the goal of improving retention of service members by increasing the employability of their spouses.

Developing partnerships with Fortune 500 companies in close proximity to military installations offers them the opportunity to have a human resource person at each installation through the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program counselors, said Johnson. The ERP is the Army's spouse employment program; it offers assistance to any spouse wanting to develop a career or become employed.

"Spouses would like to maintain some career

stability as they move in support of following their military spouse's career," said Donna Morris, Fort Hood employment readiness program manager and military family member. 'This Spouse Employment initiative is definitely going to assist with that," she said.

Ron Nicholl, program manager for Sprint Corporation, said working with the Army is part of Sprint's employee recruiting strategy.

Johnson said she believes the program can be implemented in the quick time frame that the corporate partners are looking for.

"Their enthusiasm is unbridled. I love it. It is the most exciting project we've been involved with in a very long time," she said.

The Employment Readiness Program is an activity of the CFSC in Alexandria, Va., the headquarters Department of the Army agency responsible for Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, including family programs. Additional information is available at www.armymwr.com.

(Editor's note: Victoria Palmer is a member of CFSC Public Affairs.)

# Army's first space brigade stands up

Maj. Laura Kenney Army News Service

Army Space Command activated the service's first and only space brigade April 11 with formation of the 1st Space Brigade (Provisional) in a ceremony held at the command headquarters, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Elements of the brigade's three battalions have been deployed in Iraq and the surrounding theater in support of Marine Expeditionary Force 1, V Corps and Central Command.

"This activation represents a huge step forward in the normalization of Space," said Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. "And what better time to do it, than these historic times we find ourselves in, with Army Space forces deployed on critical missions, supporting the warfighters of Iraqi Freedom.

"The new 1st Space Brigade (Provisional) is the first and only Space Brigade in the Army. Army

birthday, although the history of the Army in space is much longer than that. We've postponed celebrating that anniversary while our soldiers are in harm's way, but, this is still a great time to stand up the new brigade."

The ceremony itself involved, first, the uncasing and unfurling of the 1st Space Brigade flag by Cosumano. It was posted in the waiting empty stand, already flanked by the Army Space Command and three battalion flags. Then, while the official activation orders were read, Cosumano passed the formal, framed copy of the order to the brigade commander, Col. David Shaffer.

The mission of the 1st Space Brigade, as detailed in the order, is to "conduct continuous, global space support, space control and space force enhancement operations in support of U.S. Strategic Command and supported combatant commanders enabling the delivery of decisive combat power."

Army Space Command officially

Space Command just marked its 15th came into being April 7, 1988. Its three battalions - the 1st Satellite Control Battalion, the 1st Space Battalion and the 193rd Space Battalion, Colorado National Guard provide satellite communications, force enhancement and early missile warning to the warfighter.

Shaffer insisted that the honors of the day belonged not to him, as first commander of the first-ever Space Brigade, but to that brigade's deployed soldiers, whom he and Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Ficklin could only repre-

"Our soldiers are over there, as we speak, doing tremendous things. This ceremony is for them, as they sweat and work around the clock, helping the combatant commanders achieve the spectacular success they have," Shaffer said.

Cosumano extended a special welcome to another general officer attending the event, Air Force Maj. Gen. Mason C. Whitney, Adjutant General for Colorado's Army and Air National Guard.

"We couldn't be doing the tremendous job we're doing, supporting the warfighter in current operations, without his people. Case in point, the 193rd Space Battalion, activated just before Sept. 11. What a great asset they have been. They, as well as their sister battalions, have been doing a magnificent job in supporting the warfighter, wherever he is deployed.

"And make no mistake, we are a crucial part of that war effort," Consumano said. "We've got Army Space Support Teams and Joint Tactical Ground Stations sections, and a host of other elements providing communications, early missile warning - everything we have in terms of operational capability is involved in current operations.

"In Operation Desert Storm, we'd just begun offering the benefits of the Global Positioning System. Today, we're providing force enhancement and force protection. We've come a long way in 15 years, and the standup of this brigade today is an indicator of all the challenges we'll meet in the future," Cosumano concluded.

Shaffer addressed those future challenges.

'Today's activation as a provisional unit is a major step in the process to becoming a permanent Army unit. The great thing about today is that it opens the door to expansion. By increasing the size of the brigade, we increase the support we give to the warfighter. This ceremony, unlike that of a change of command, which is all about welcoming a new commander and saying farewell to the outgoing, this ceremony is about the unit, about its soldiers, past, present and future," Shaffer said.

Under Army regulations, a provisional unit may be organized and designated by the commander of an Army field command. Provisional units may be organized for a limited period of time, not to exceed two years. At the end of the two-year period, the commander will make a recommendation whether or not to permanently organize the unit.

(Editor's note: Maj. Laura Kenney is a member of the Army Space Command public affairs team.)

# Special agents looking for recruits

Chris Grey Army News Service

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command has an all points bulletin out for qualified soldiers interested in becoming highly trained criminal investigators.

During peacetime and war, CID special agents investigate all felony crimes in which the Army has an interest, provide protective services for Department of Defense and Army leadership, and work closely with other federal and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in a wide range of specialized investigative disciplines. Some specialties include polygraphs, counter-narcotics, economic-crime investigations, computer crime and many other specialties in the criminal investigate field. With more than 120 offices, CID provides the Army with worldwide support.

Investigators also have the opportunity to receive advance law enforcement training at the FBI National Academy, the Canadian Police College, and at George Washington University where they can earn a master's degree in foren-

"It's a tremendous opportunity for soldiers to become one of the Department of Defense's premier law enforcement agents and receive some of the best training in the world," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Misianowycz, CID's senior noncommissioned officer.

Although many CID agents have some type of military or civilian police background, it's

not a requirement to qualify and be accepted into the program, said Master Sgt. Cynthia Fischer, the CID agent responsible for recruiting new agents. "We have soldiers from both military police and other (military occupational specialties) and CID benefits from the varied experience.'

CID offers a local six-month internship program for soldiers without law-enforcement experience, said Marianne Black, chief of CID's Accreditation Branch.

Major installations such as Forts Bragg, Benning, Hood and Lewis offer rewarding CID intern opportunities for interested soldiers.

"Enrollment in these initial internships helps develop the recruit's potential to complete the rigorous 15-week Basic Special Agent Course at the U.S. Army Military Police School," Black said.

After these classroom studies, soldiers spend the first year as probationary agents under close observation of senior CID agents before becoming fully accredited.

"Our profession is an excellent opportunity for enlisted soldiers who aspire to become warrant officers," said Black. "In fact, given our current force structure and staffing, the CID agent warrant officer career field provides among the Army's best opportunities for diverse assignments and rapid advancement."

To apply and qualify for service as a CID special agent, applicants must be a U.S. citizen. at least 21 years old, sergeant or below with at least two years of service and not more than 10, a general technical score of at least 110, no court martial convictions, possess 60 semester

hours of college credit, a physical profile of 111221 or higher with normal color vision, 36 months obligated service upon completion of the Basic Special Agent Course, and be able to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance.

"Regardless of background, applicants must possess excellent communication skills and be able to interact effectively with people from varied backgrounds," Black said.

A recently accepted CID applicant, Sgt. Jeremiah Jones, said that becoming a CID agent just makes sense.

"To me it is the natural career progression for a military policeman, or anyone with a sincere interest in investigative-type law enforcement work."

Jones, a military police traffic accident investigator and special reaction team marksman, said it's rewarding to go from basic Military Police duties to continue advancing both professionally and personally.

"Becoming an agent will allow me to continue helping the Army in a way I feel is very productive — keeping the Army community safe and helping to fight the war on terrorism," Jones said.

Soldiers interested in becoming CID special agents are encouraged to contact their closest CID office or visit CID's Web site for more information at www.cid.army.mil.

**About CID** 

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is charged with investigating serious crime concerning the Army. CID has approximately 120 offices worldwide and its special agents perform a variety of law enforcement

tasks. CID has a state-of-the-art, fully accredited forensics laboratory and has the additional mission of providing protection for leaders of the Defense Department.

Crime Lab

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory provides forensic laboratory services to all Department of Defense criminal investigators worldwide. The CID Crime Lab provides worldwide forensics support (since 1983) from its home at Fort Gillem, Ga.

**Major Procurement Fraud Unit** 

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Major Procurement Fraud Unit is the only 100-percent civilian investigative element of CID. The MPFU special agent workforce consists of more than 100 criminal investigators (1811 series) in grades GS-9 through GS-15. CID agents assigned to MPFU investigate major fraud crimes associated with the Army's procurement and contracting process. MPFU also protects Army logistics from "factory to foxhole."

# **Computer Crime Investigative Unit**

Many of the skills needed for tracking computer criminals has grown out of military research into protecting its computers from wartime threats. The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Computer Crime Investigative Unit harnesses this knowledge and research to investigate computer crimes committed against the Army, watches Army networks and catches computer criminals.

(Editor's note: Chris Grey is a member of the CID Public Affairs staff.)



# **U.S. Army Environmental Center**

# **Army Environmental Center recognized** for land conservation efforts

Eleanore Hajian

The U.S. Army Environmental Center and Fort Bragg received North Carolina Conservation Leadership Awards from that state's chapter of The Nature Conservancy, May 3.

The awards recognize people and organizations who have made extraordinary contributions that have had a lasting impact on conservation in the state. The North Carolina chapter of Nature Conservancy presented the awards during its 25th Anniversary Celebration at Ayr Mount in Hillsborough, N.C.

"There are few places in the world where the long leaf pine ecosystem remains intact at the scale and richness it had when explorer John Bartram first saw it in the 1700s," said Katherine Skinner, executive director of the North Carolina chapter of The Nature Conservancy. "Fort Bragg is one of those few places, thanks to a long history of good stewardship by the Army."

AEC and Fort Bragg received the awards for their role in the Private Lands Initiative, which helped form a partnership agreement to protect land surrounding Fort Bragg. Protected parcels provide two key benefits: they preserve long leaf pine habitat for

uses near the base remain compatible with military training. This courage, caring and compassion here as we try to implement is helping red cockaded woodpecker populations in the region recover and ensuring Fort Bragg's future viability as the world's premier power projection installation.

"Many years of hard work and perseverance have gone into this endeavor," said Col. James De Paz, commander of AEC. "It's wonderful to receive such noteworthy recognition from the leaders of North Carolina's conservation community, to share a common goal of preserving critical habitat for endangered species, while also enabling the Army to continue to train and prepare America's soldiers to defend our nation."

The formation of the Army's partnership with The Nature Conservancy and other conservation groups at Fort Bragg marked the first cooperative agreement of its kind. It has established a model for the use of a land preservation approach to endangered species management at installations.

"Just as our soldiers are showing courage, caring and compassion on the battlefields around the world, the young men and women of today's armed forces along with our civilians and

the endangered red cockaded woodpecker and ensure that land many services and organizations that support us are showing visionaries' initiatives to conserve the land and preserve it for our sons and daughters and those that follow us," said Col. Addison Davis, garrison commander of Fort Bragg.

Key members in the Sandhills Conservation Partnership formed through the Army's Private Lands Initiative include The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Bragg, Wildlife Resources Commission, Sandhills Ecological Institute and the Sandhills Area Land Trust.

For more information on the Army's Private Lands Initiative, visit AEC's Web site at http://aec.army.mil or contact the AEC Public Affairs Office.

AEC guides the Army's efforts to increase readiness, improve the well-being of our soldiers, and enhance community relationships through sound stewardship of the environment.

"Working through the Army headquarters' Director of Environmental Programs, the staff of AEC brings world-class expertise and innovative solutions to environmental stewardship

# Bay Restoration is a long-time U.S. Army Environmental Center commitment

**Brian Feeney** 

Aberdeen Proving Ground is only one of 19 Army installations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. They dot the landscape from the Scranton Army Ammunition Plant among the Bay's northern Pennsylvania tributaries to Fort Story, Va., at its Atlantic mouth.

However, for the Army's efforts to restore and preserve the Chesapeake, APG, is at the center of the map.

Headquartered on the Edgewood area, the U.S. Army Environmental Center leads the Army's Chesapeake Bay program. AEC helps installations with their on-the-ground projects, from habitat restoration to pollution prevention and innovative stormwater management.

The center's participation in the Bay Program is only one aspect of a partnership among the federal government, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia formed in 1984. AEC has managed the Army portion of the program since 1990. The latest Chesapeake Bay Program agreement, signed in 2000, outlines 93 "commitments," or

Janmichael Graine, the Army Chesapeake Bay Program coordinator at AEC, is guiding two major initiatives designed to help achieve

First, AEC is helping all installations in the watershed develop nutrient management plans. These plans minimize the flow of harmful nutrient-laden stormwater and groundwater into the Bay by establishing a system to inventory how much nutrient gets applied to the ground in the form of fertilizer or manure. The plans then provide a schedule for applying nutrients to allow for the maximum uptake by plants. This minimizes the amount of nutrients left to enter the

environment through runoff. The goal is to reduce nutrients flowing into the Bay by 40 per-

The second initiative involves a paradigm shift in stormwater management known as Low Impact Development. It consists of a set of techniques for minimizing impact to water quality and aquatic habitats as a byproduct of construction and development by closely mimicking the way the land and water interacted in that area before development.

Graine organized a three-day workshop on Low Impact Development at Fort Belvoir, Va., to teach these techniques to staff from Chesapeake Bay watershed installations and natural resource specialists from the other services, federal agencies and state governments. The workshop was such a success that it is being given at other Army installations outside the Chesapeake watershed.

The Army's Chesapeake Bay Program has served as a model for the other services, according to Rosemary Queen, AEC Natural Resources branch chief.

"Janmichael Graine has worked diligently with the installation coordinators to meet the program goals over the years, and they have developed a reservoir of knowledge that is paying dividends in the form of healthier ecosystems in and around the installations," she said.

Graine represents the Army at the Chesapeake Bay Program's Federal Agencies Committee. He recently received a Silver Excellence in Federal Career Award from the Baltimore Federal Executive Board in recognition of his efforts.

For more information on the Army's Chesapeake Bay Program visit http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/env/cbi/index.html.



Photo courtesy of AEC

Army Chesapeake Bay Program Coordinator Janmichael Graine, right, and fellow U.S. Army Environmental Center staff member Paul Martin work on AEC's demonstration BayScape garden on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

# Churchville welcomes the caretakers of military history

Story and photo by **Frank S. Palmisano III** Special contributor

It was seasonably humid in early May in the Upper Chesapeake, and although the rainy weather refused to cooperate all weekend, nothing could dampen the spirits of those who made the trek to this year's event in Churchville, May 8 to 10.

The 30th annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally is cele-

United States. The event draws hundreds of collectors, vendors, and curiosity seekers eager to glimpse some of the historical forbearers of today's military technology. For the collector of rare military equipment and vehicles, the event is nothing short of Shangri-la.

Hundreds of vintage vehi-

brated as both the largest and cles were lined up in rows that longest continuously held out- stretched along the vast door militaria market in the acreage on the grassy area of the Big-M Drive-in Theater. For many proud owners of these vehicles, this is an opportunity for them to display all of the hard work and research that they have put into their project. Operators included the passively engaged to those who fashion themselves as soldiers, and dress the part.

> This year's weather did not go unnoticed. With intermittent rains on Friday and continuing through Saturday, the field became muddied, and soon travel, both on foot and by wheel was nearly impossible. Many who had set up camp for the three-day rally found themselves wondering how they would make it out on Sunday for the scheduled departure.

> New Jersey native Ernie Baals has owned a 3/4 ton 4 x 4 Dodge Weapons Carrier (WC)-53 "Carry All" for close to 25 years. He considers himself lucky to possess such a treasured piece of military history. Though it is important to him, Baals characterizes the WC-53's reputation in the field as having little to do with its functional role.

> "To the best of my knowledge they were used in Europe or North America, but they're worthless in a way," Baals said. "It was a big target; anytime anyone saw something

had to be somebody important

After serving two years in the Marine Corps, Baals turned his love for the Corps into a certified collecting venture that would follow him

into his senior years. Along with his WC-53, he is the proud father of a '41 Plymouth staff car and a '41 Dodge WC-4.

Despite such obstacles as a slow economy, the natural rise in inflation over the years, and loss of time or interest, Baals has remained a passionate devotee.

"When I got involved in this it wasn't expensive. I paid \$258 for my first jeep. And I've been interested ever since," Baals said.

When asked what keeps him doing it today, Baals, an Iwo Jima veteran, simply answers, "My son and my grandson."

The vehicles have forever translated a part of Baals to his family where nothing else would do justice, and both sides have equally benefited from the exchange.

Tom Price came all the way from Bowling Green, Ohio, with his Marine Corps M-244 Mighty Mite. The owner of three, Price explains its histo-

"It's a lightweight jeep, although it's really not a jeep

because it was made by

American Motors. It's all alu-

like this, they thought there minum except for the frame long stares from the crowds and wheels and was designed by the Marine Corps to be transported by helicopters back in the 60s," Price said.

He is a collector's collector. Not only does he collect, he restores, a quality that any true enthusiast will tell you is inseparable from the repertoire of any well-adjusted military vehicle collector.

There is a real blue-collar ethic among the collectors: "You can't appreciate what you do, unless you do it your-

Commenting on his own project, Price said, "I tore it down, started from scratch and restored the whole thing."

Three reenactors decked in World War II regalia stand next to another 3/4 ton, '44 Dodge WC owned by Tim Allen and George Hardy. Hardy explains how they came across their vehicle.

"We actually got in touch with the MVPA, [then] the Maryland MVPA and [a member who] owned this vehicle sold it to us," Hardy said.

The MVPA, or Military Vehicle Preservation Association, is an international organization for the military vehicle enthusiast. The MVPA offers an outlet in their bimonthly publication, Supply Line, through which interested buyers can go scavenger hunting for historical vehicles.

One of the more unique pieces at the rally that drew

was Andy Zipone's reproduction of a German Kuebelwagon.

No elaborate explanation

needed, Zipone bluntly states, "another reenactor was selling it. I liked it, so I bought it." The car began its unlikely

tour of duty in the factories of German automaker Porsche. "It was designed by

Ferdinand Porsche and is on the same chasse as the Volkswagen Bug, which he designed in 1936 through 1938. They asked him to come up with a military version and this was the final product," Zipone said.

Despite the intense focus on military vehicles, the flea market provided the opportunity for vendors of all kinds to indulge their love of military paraphernalia and selling to anyone with an interest.

It's a kinship of like-minded individuals all with a common goal in mind: the preservation of the vehicles and the spirit behind them. Each restoration is a small victory against the inevitable onslaught of time and the elements.

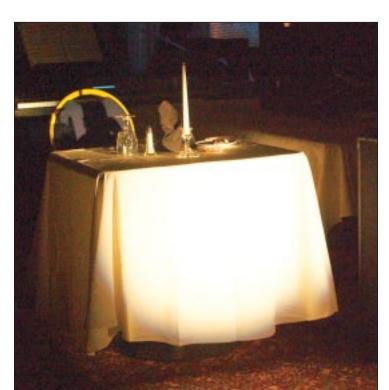
While many would not call themselves caretakers of history, they continue to do a service for the country and for the world by keeping people mindful of a past that allowed for the engineering marvels possessed by the United States



A restored 1942 Dodge 3/4 ton W.C. 57 4 x 4 Command Reconnaissance Vehicle stands head and shoulders above the competition. This vehicle has claimed a number of first place finishes at regional and national rallies for its authenticity.



The 2003 Hall Fame inductees are, front row, left to right, retirees Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Battle, Honorary Sergeant Major of the Ordnance Regiment; Gen. Leon E. Salomon, Honorary Colonel of the Ordnance Regiment; CW5 Ted Reno, Honorary Warrant Officer of the Ordnance Regiment; and Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, Chief of Ordnance. Second row, left to right are Linda Aurand Nelson, representing Lt. Gen. Henry S. Aurand Sr.; Dr. Norman Ramsey, representing Brig. Gen. Norman F. Ramsey Sr.; retirees Lt. Gen. James M. Link; Chief Warrant 5 Joe Wurm; and Command Sgt. Maj. George Cutbirth. Third row, left to right are Edward Johnson, representing Col. Melvin M. Johnson Jr.; retirees Maj. Gen. Robert D. Shadley; Maj. Gen. Jere W. Sharp; Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Dickinson and Col. Thomas A. Hooper; and Dr. Joseph C. Moquin.





Left, an empty table represents fallen soldiers during the Ordnance Corps Anniversary Ball at Top of the Bay. Above, Civil War weaponry on display from the Ordnance Museum at the Ordnance Corps Anniversary Ball. Right, Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson (right) passes the Ordnance Corps Regimental Colors to retired Gen. John Coburn, signifying Coburn's appointment as the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. Looking on are (behind Stevenson, left to right) retirees Chief Warrant 5 Ted Reno, outgoing Honorary Warrant Officer and Gen. Leon E. Salomon, outgoing Honorary Colonel and (behind Coburn) Chief Warrant 5 Tom Grice, incoming Honorary Warrant Officer.





The 2003 Honoraries are, left to right, retirees Chief Warrant 5 Tom Grice, Honorary Warrant Officer; Gen. John Coburn, Honorary Colonel; and Command Sgt. Maj. George Cutbirth, Honorary Sergeant Major.

From left, Chief Warrant 5 Jim Wynne, Regimental Chief Warrant Officer; Command Sgt. Maj. Tim Ayers, Regimental Command Sergeant Major; retired Gen. John Coburn, incoming Honorary Colonel of the Regiment; Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, Chief of Ordnance; 2nd Lt. Phillip P. Murrell, Ordnance Officer Basic Course Class 04-03; and retired Gen. Leon E. Salomon, outgoing Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and guest speaker for the evening, cut the anniversary cake at the Ordnance Anniversary Ball.

# Ordnance

From front page He outlined a list of Ordnance Corps "heroes" like Col. George Bomford, the "Father of the Ordnance Department;" Ordnance Sgt. Lewis Leffman, a veteran of the British Army and the Battle of Waterloo, who as a U.S. soldier led a successful defense of a northern fort during the Civil War and who received the first enlisted pension authorized by Congress after 55 years of U.S. Army service; Ordnance Sgt. Moses Williams, who won the Medal of Honor with the 9th U.S. Cavalry in New Mexico in 1881; the 85,000 women ordnance workers who provided most of the labor for producing materials during World War II; Lt. Col. Luta McGrath who planned and organized the airlift of ammunition into West Berlin following the blockade of that city by the Soviet Union, and who is a co-founder and current member of the Ordnance Ladies Association in Washington, D.C.; Spc. John A. Disney, a welder with the 58th Maintenance Company who died while serving in Afghanistan and who has been honored with a mail supply route near Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan bearing the name "Disney Drive;" Spc. Nicole Ann Foissett, a mechanic who kept the vehicles running for G Troop, 10th Cavalry, as it sped across Iraq in advance of most of the combat forces; and, Pvt. Nathan L. Henderson, who graduated from the

Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School as the first welding course graduate certified by

the American Welding Society. He also cited the recently inducted members of the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame, as well as the outgoing and incoming honorary leaders of the regiment.

"And, they are soldiers like you," he said. "Standing here today you represent the present and the future of the Ordnance Corps. When I look at you I realize that the Army is in good hands. I truly am in the presence of heroes."

Hack also saluted another group of 'American heroes."

"Today is Military Spouse Day and on this day we especially thank those who stand beside us in this remarkable journey we call Army life. I offer my thanks to each and every one of you for your support, for your dedication to your family and the other families who share our military communities, and for your love.

"And, last but certainly not least, I would also like to salute our Department of the Army civilians and contractors. You are truly full partners in our Army of One.

"Because of heroes who have gone before us, because of heroes like you here today, and because of heroes yet unborn, our nation shall continue to be the world's vision of liberty, of freedom, and of justice for all.

the best," he said. "It is the best led, the best

equipped, and the best trained. And because of

ordnance soldiers, it is the best supported army

"We are the best army in the world, clearly

in the world today."

Serving as Commander of Troops for the review was Col. Kone Brugh II, deputy commander and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Represented in the Review were the 61st Ordnance Brigade, led by Col. Paul D. Meredith and Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres; the 59th Ordnance Brigade, led by Col. David Hafele and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry C. Taylor; the Noncommissioned Officer Academy (APG), led by Command Sgt. Maj. Edith Crofts; the Noncommissioned Officer Academy (Redstone Arsenal, Ala.), led by Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis C. Lockett; the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, led by Maj. Dan Mielke and 1st Sgt. Jose N. Osorio Jr.; the U.S. Air Force Detachment, led by Maj. Curtis Schmucker and Master Sgt. Scott Vincent; the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Color Guard, led by Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Ayers; the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry L. Standridge; and, the Salute Battery, led by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kurt Schultz and Staff Sgt Antonio

Later that evening the 191st Ordnance Anniversary Ball continued the celebration. Stevenson welcomed the celebrants.

"Tonight, is a night of celebration and tribute. We celebrate the contributions of each of you gathered here tonight. You have all played

key roles as senior and junior leaders, profes-

sional technicians, teachers, mentors, and

spouses. Without you, and those who have gone before you, the Ordnance Corps would not be celebrating 191 years of service to the line, on

the line, on time." As guest speaker for the evening, Salomon recalled the heroes who have made the Ordnance Corps what it is today. He also noted that he had been proud to serve as the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and thanked his fellow honorary leaders for their efforts on behalf of the Ordnance Corps.

"What makes ordnance great?" he asked. "People."

He recalled Bo Jackson, the sports great who was featured in Nike ads that featured Bo doing everything and the tag line was "Bo Knows."

"Well that also says it about ordnance," he

stated. "Ordnance knows light. Ordnance knows heavy. Ordnance knows special operations. Ordnance knows ammunition. Ordnance knows maintenance. Ordnance knows EOD [explosive ordnance disposal]. Ordnance knows missiles. Ordnance knows acquisition. Ordnance knows procurement. Ordnance knows logistics.

"And our customers - the war fighters know that ordnance knows, and then some."

Salomon concluded that the celebration of Ordnance Week noted the Ordnance Corps' past, present and future and he stated he was confident in the future.

He summed up the 191 years of the Ordnance Corps' service to the nation as duty, honor, country, ordnance.